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| In re Application of: |) | | | 10/ |
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| QIN ET AL. |) | Art Unit: | 1713 | 17B |
| Application No. 09/531,247 |) | | | |
| Filed: March 21, 2000 |) | Examiner: | Wilson, D. | To he |
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| SUPERABSORBENTS |) | | • | |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed on January 7, 2003, Applicants request further examination of the following amendments and remarks which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 16, and ending on page 6, line 21, with the following:

In one embodiment of the present invention, the absorbent fibers comprise one or more superabsorbent materials in the form of a sodium salt of a cross-linked polymer. Such superabsorbent materials include, but are not limited to, Fiberdri® 1161, Fiberdri® 1231, and Fiberdri® 1241 (all available from Camelot Superabsorbent Ltd. of Calgary, Canada); and

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a paper in the above-identified application.

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A check in the amount of \$ is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$110 to Account No. 11-0855 for payment of the fee for a one-month extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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